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1. A network of concrete shelters, allegedly housing the headquarters for all troops in the Ohrdruf area, was located at Boxberg, southwest of Gotha. The autobahn nearby was blocked to civilian traffic. An AAA battalion has been emplaced there since 8 June 1950. Seventeen 85-mm AA guns were counted. Supply trucks in that area. The restricted section of the autobahn was used as a landing field by a biplane several times a day. It took off toward Erfurt after short stays at the field. (1) 50X1-HUM
2. On 25 June 1950, 184 T-34 and JS tanks were counted in Camp Ohrdruf and on the road to the camp. (2) The trucks and trailers carrying assault boats, pontoons, and bridge building equipment were parked in the camp, and constituted the equipment of about three battalions. Soldiers drilling with AT guns of about 75 mm caliber were seen at a nearby training field. A group of about 15 men wearing fatigues were observed training with a tank. A Volkspolizei-leader from Gotha was recognized among them. (3) 50X1-HUM
3. It is said that three tank division headquarters and one engineer headquarters were located in Ohrdruf during the latter part of June 1950. (4)
4. Three camps were located along the road in the Ohrdruf-Crawinkel-Woelfis triangle. One camp of about 150 temporary barracks was east of the Ohrdruf-Crawinkel road. The second camp of about 100 temporary barracks was southwest of the same route. A third camp of about 100 temporary barracks was north of Crawinkel in the direction of Woelfis. Prime movers, trucks and artillery pieces of about 150 and 220 mm caliber were observed in the patches of wood on both sides of the road. Soldiers seen there wore red-bordered black caps with artillery insignia. Motor vehicles were in the area. (5) 50X1-HUM
5. A camp with about 50 large tents was in a restricted area on Seeburg east of Gotha. The camp was occupied by a mortar unit of about 1,000 men, equipped with mortars of about 150 mm caliber. Trucks were seen. (6) 50X1-HUM

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6. An artillery unit with 39 long-barreled guns of about 150 mm caliber, 15 trucks and 6 caterpillar tractors was located in small woods west of Haina. Trucks [ ] were seen operating in the area. (7) 50X1-HUM
7. Troops wearing red-bordered epaulets without branch-of-service insignia were observed in a tent camp on Kranberg northwest of Gotha. Since only small arms were observed with the troops they apparently belonged to an infantry unit, possibly a regiment. Motor vehicle [ ] were [ ] there. (8) 50X1-HUM
8. Improved field positions were seen at Hirtberg southwest of Wipperoda. Heavy guns were emplaced in the woods south of Hirtberg. Reports of artillery pieces from that area were heard in Gotha on 15 June 1950. The firing seemed to be at the training grounds. (9)
9. About 10,000 troops were at the Kindel troop training grounds in late June 1950 [ ] The troops allegedly had more than 100 tanks and heavy artillery pieces. (4) 50X1-HUM
10. The Gotha barracks were occupied by Volkspolizei personnel. No Soviet troops were observed in town. (3)
11. [ ] 50X1-HUM
12. Truck [ ] picked up 120 kg of frozen meat and 75 kg of butter at an Ohrdruf slaughterhouse on 29 June 1950. [ ] butter and frozen meat were also stored at five other places in Ohrdruf. In the afternoon trucks [ ] were loaded with meat in front of another butcher shop. Truck [ ] was at a third slaughterhouse. 50X1-HUM
13. Trucks [ ] were seen in Ohrdruf on 29 June 1950. 50X1-HUM
14. A signboard reading "pay attention to motor vehicles entering the road from both sides along a 3-km section" was at kilometer mark 18.8 on the Ohrdruf-Crawinkel road on 29 June 1950. Trucks were parked in the woods on both sides of the road. [ ] Most of the troops wore red-bordered black, black-bordered red, and blue-bordered black epaulets. Tank, artillery and radio insignia were recognized. 50X1-HUM

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15. Twenty to thirty canvas-covered tanks were east of the intersection of the Ohrdruf-Crawinkel and the Luisenthal-Woslfis roads. At times, up to 100 tanks had been parked there [redacted]

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## [redacted] Comments.

- (1) It is possible that a high-level headquarters may have been accommodated in the bunker installations on Boxberg. This possibility is supported by the relatively heavy employment of AA guns and the landing of courier aircraft several times a day. Elements of the Hq Eighth Gds Army may have been located there. For location of Boxberg, see Annex. 50X1-HUM
- (2) The information confirms the occupation of Camp Ohrdruf by tank units. The motor vehicles reported belong to the 220th Hvy Tank SP Regt of the Eighth Gds Army [redacted] 50X1-HUM

- (3) The 6th VP Bereitschaft, infantry, of Land Thuringia is stationed in Gotha. It is possible that personnel of the Bereitschaft receive training with tanks.
- (4) Available information indicates that headquarters units of the Eighth Gds Army, the XXVIII and XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, as well as the four line divisions of the Eighth Gds Army are at the Ohrdruf-Kindel troop training grounds. In 1949 headquarters units of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the 20th Gds Mecz Div were at the Ohrdruf troop training grounds and headquarters units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the 21st Gds Mecz Div at the Kindel troop training grounds. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] it is believed that the corps headquarters units and divisions mentioned no longer have specific temporary billeting area.

- (5) The camps, known from 1949 reports, accommodated troops as they did in 1949. [redacted] The motor vehicle [redacted] belong to [redacted] the headquarters units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, and component units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div. 50X1-HUM
- (6) The unit on Seeberg belonged to the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- For location of Seeberg, see Annex.
- (7) The small woods west of Haina is part of the Kindel troop training grounds. The artillery units observed there were elements of the 20th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (8) The infantry unit on Kranberg belonged to the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, [redacted] For location of Kranberg, see Annex. 50X1-HUM
- (9) It is believed that emplacements for heavy artillery pieces were south of Hirtberg, the direction of fire being eastward toward the troop training grounds. For location of Hirtberg, see Annex.

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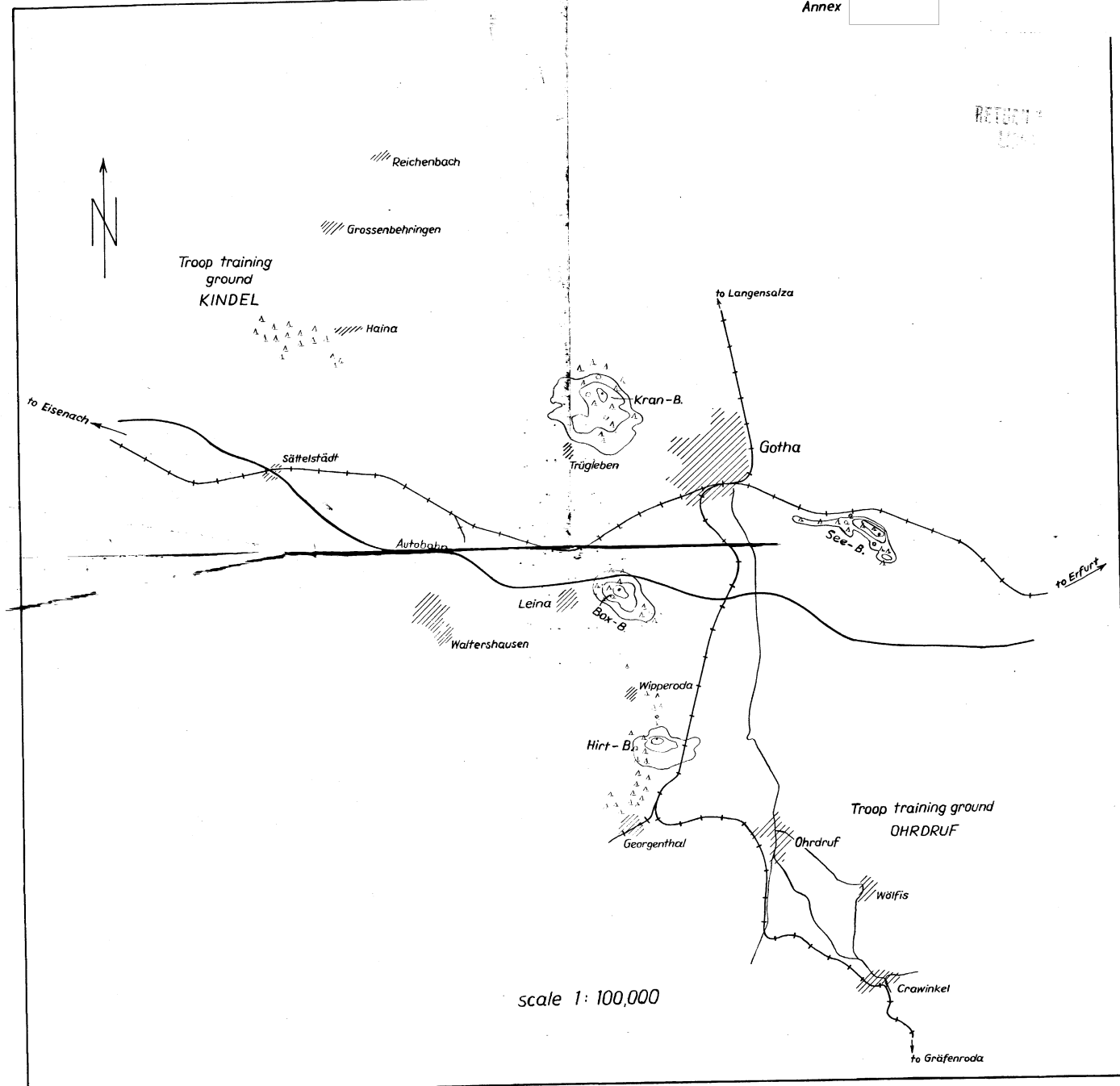
1 Annex: Ohrdruf troop training grounds

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**GERMANY/SovZone.****Shipbuilding.****SUMMARY:**

Eighteen SovZone firms, all under control of VVW, are engaged in construction of fishing craft, or in portions thereof. Fifty per cent of production are taken by Soviets as reparations; remaining units may possibly be used as Volkspolizei patrol boats. Production figures for 1950: Loggers-80; Cutters-80; Seiners-100. Soviet ships, including "CORDILIERA", "HANSA", and "ASIA", being dry-docked at WISMAR, WARNEMUENDE, and ROSTOCK.

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**RETAIN COPY** 50X1-HUM**Soviet Utilization of East German Government Shipbuilding Industry.**

The following firms are engaged in the construction of "LOGGERS, CUTTERS, and SEINERS", boats of a fishing type of design:

- a. WISMAR Schiffswerke
- b. WARNEMUENDE Warnowerft
- c. ROSTOCK Neptunwerft S.A.G.
- d. ROSTOCK Schiffmontage'
- e. ROSTOCK Gehlsdorf Schiff and Boatswerft
- f. DAMGARTEN Boddenwerft
- g. STRALSUND Volkswerft

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- h. PEENELUNDE Wolgast  
 i. STRALSUND Technische Buero Denholm  
 j. STRALSUND Schiffburgung  
 k. ROSSLAU Schiffswerke  
 l. ELBE Werft BOCKENBURG  
 m. BERLIN-KOPENICK Engelbrecht  
 n. Gerben Schiffswerft (exact location unknown)  
 o. Schuetze Aken (exact location unknown)  
 p. WARNEMUENDE Schiffelaterner Werke  
 q. BRANDENBERG/HAVEL Ernst THELMANN Volkswerft  
 r. ROTTEN SEE Stadtschiffbau (in Land Mecklenburg)

These firms are actively engaged in the construction of the entire boat of the aforementioned designs, or are constructing only portions of the boats. All of the listed firms are under the direct control of the Vereinigung Volkseigener Werften, located in SCHWERIN, Gorchestr. 87, Land Mecklenburg.

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The following Soviet engineers have been identified as being in SCHWERIN and in KARLSHORTST. They make frequent checks to see that production estimates are kept, and they also iron out any production difficulties that may arise.

Soviet Control Commission SCHWERIN:

- a. fnu KARKAZOV, Head Engineer

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- b. fnu IVANOV, Head Engineer

- c. fnu ABRAMOVICH

Soviet Officers or Civilians in KARLSHORTST:

- d. fnu KOLESNIKOV, Engineer

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- e. fnu GUNKO, Engineer

- f. fnu DURAKOV

- g. fnu ABRAMOV

- h. fnu ALEXANDROW, General

- i. fnu KRISAIYEV

50% of the boats constructed are taken by the Soviets as reparations and the other boats would possibly be used as patrol boats by the German East Government Volkspolizei. production figures for 1950 are as follows:

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LOGGERS - - - - 80  
 CUTTERS - - - - 80  
 SEINERS - - - - 100

the WISMAR Schiffswerke, the WARNEMUENDE Warnowerft, and the ROSTOCK Schiffmontage are being used as dry docks for the repair of

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Soviet ships. Within recent weeks the following Soviet ships have been worked on in the dry docks: the "CONDILLERA", the "HANSA", (formerly the "BALI" of the Hamburg Shipline), and the "ASIA".

[redacted] KOSSACK and CLAUSEN of the Selbst Hilfe Kieler Betrieb in KIEL/GAARDEN serve as procurement agents for the Vereinigung Volkseigener Werften in procuring needed goods [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comments: [redacted]

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There has been no evidence that any of the fishing craft built in the SovZone have been, or will be, used as Volkspolizei patrol boats. Only the "sea cutters" will be used as police boats. [redacted]

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